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In re Applicant:

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Reversible Degeneration of Somatic
Plant Tissue

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This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Applicants hereby elect Group I, namely Claims 1 – 2, 4-9, 13-14, 18-24,
28-34, 38 and 50, drawn to a method of degenerating somatic tissue via expression of
a biotin-binding protein in the cytoplasm.

Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional
applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to any
one or more of the non-elected Groups.

Respectfully submitted,

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